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*Why do you always give me the words I want to hear...?*

*"You don't have to worry about anything."*

*"It's okay to be here."*

*I think this house is something really important to me.*

*I can relax when I'm at this house.*

"It's just a joke." Having seen Hiro's shocked reaction, Mao took back her confession. She can't hold back her feelings for Hiro, even though she doesn't want to cause him any trouble. At that time, she goes to meet with Radical, who is a reader of her novel. And the person waiting is...!? Moreover, Hiro's younger brother, Daiki is coming home—!?

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Plans to fully digitize my work are currently in progress

(That means I'll be drawing on my computer).

When it will be done will depend on how things turn out.

Well then, even if it's a little, if you can enjoy my work.

I'll be really happy~!

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scans. *Public* – trans. *Jiraiza, aznn3ss* – cleans. *Sakura-chuu, imnotamused, ruruzia, Naselare, Kiiragi* – type. *ReIM*

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## CHARACTER

Co-habiting

Friends

### Motomiya Mao

Sophomore, High School
Now living with Hiro after losing
the place where she belongs.
Secretly writing a cellphone novel
that mirrors her life.

Class-mates

Co-workers

### Nakamura Hiro

Housewife, Salaryman
Mao's childhood friend.
Lost his parents in his
third year of high school.
In order to live with his siblings again,
he is currently watching over the house.

### Chii

Although in different classes,
she is Mao's friend.
Does she like Oda?

### Oda

Mao's classmate since the first year.
He appears to like Mao as he
often involves himself with her.

### Sugimoto

Secretly trying to approach Hiro,
her coworker at work.
There's a rumor that she's writing a novel.

## STORY

Ever since she was small, Mao would visit the Nakamura's home on the opposite side.

With the misfortune of her parents divorcing, she moved away from the area.

She lived with her father, but after his second marriage, she lost the place where she belonged.

Mao begins to live with Hiro, who is watching over his house by himself after the loss of his parents.

Having realized her growing feelings for Hiro, she went and told him she "likes him"...?

CHAPTER FIVE

# Radical

HIRO,
YOU'RE THE ONE
THAT I LIKE...!

Why did I
go and tell
him that?

Even though
I knew things
would end up
like this...

Sil——ence

tink

tink

How are the eggs any different from the usual...?

I don't get it...

EH?

THE EGGS AREN'T DONE TOO BAD TODAY, HUH?

Hiro is clearly acting weird...

THE SKY IS BLUE AND THE SUN IS BRIGHT.

So cute!

WAKABA'S LEG IS SO CUTE!

...Is that how it is?

I guess what I said yesterday... is troubling him.

WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY WAS JUST A JOKE, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.

HIRO.

I JUST SAID IT BECAUSE YOU KEPT ON GOING ON ABOUT

MY FRIEND BEING MY BOYFRIEND.

HUH?

THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD JOKE ABOUT!

SORRY.

shake

AND HERE I WAS WORRYING ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD BE FROM NOW ON...

HA~~~ WHAT'S WITH THAT~? JEEZ~~~

I'M GOING TO GO TO WORK.

YOU TOO. DON'T BE LATE.

HAA...

.....

A joke...

oo

I WON'T.

What I said yesterday was a lie.

I don't like him.

*He looks so relieved...*

"And here I was worrying about how we should be from now on..."

If only that were true...

I'm used to it

It's fine

So all I'm doing is muddling his heart?

Ever since I was a child anyway

I've always been killing off my true feelings

I'm used to it.

Hello! How are you? This is Radical.
Things haven't been as enjoyable for me lately because there haven't been any updates to read.
Are you perhaps very busy?

CLACKA
CLACKA
CLACKA

HEY, HOW'D IT GO?

THUMP

MORNING...

SUP! MORNING!

DON'T PLAY DUMB. I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR MOM!

?

Ah.

That's right I consulted him about Hiro using my mom as an excuse!

MY MOM...?

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT? YOU'RE THE ONE THAT CAME AND ASKED ME ABOUT HER, RIGHT?

WELL, WHATEVER THEN...

WHAT'S WITH THAT?

N-NORMAL?

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD DEPEND ON ME MORE.

I'M READING A LOT OF BOOKS RIGHT NOW.

???

MAO-!

?

?

?

rise

?

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

SOMETHING ABOUT BOOKS...?

MORE LIKE...

AH, WERE YOU ARGUING WITH ODA AGAIN?

THAT GUY DEFINITELY HAS CHANGED THOUGH.

HE'S KIND OF WEIRD.

HE SEEMS TO HAVE A BIG FAMILY, SO I GUESS HE'S WORRIED ABOUT SOME THINGS

AH, HE'S BEEN READING A LOT OF BOOKS ABOUT FAMILY.

HMM...

!!

?? She seems irritated?

HE USED TO BE A HUGE PLAYER.

CHII, YOU LIKE ODA, DON'T YOU?

BLUNT

W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? THAT'S TOTALLY NOT IT!

.....

I SEE. SORRY.

FLIP

Sure is hot...

.....

Flap

Flap

OKAY.

I'LL BE GOING BACK, OKAY?

GPS

The other day I found a place that exactly matches one of the places in your story!

It was exactly how you described it!

It's a place I go by sometimes. The name of the station is...

Radical sent another message even though I haven't replied to the last one yet. .

"That's the station...!"

Maybe Radical actually lives quite close?

It is that station...

I would like to meet with you once.

Then we're neighbors, huh!

.....

"That seems to be the case .." and send

A guy?

A woman?

How old?

A meeting with Radical...

The thought never crossed my mind

What should we talk about?

EH?

Your face is all red

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

HEY.

I'm getting nervous.

YOU HAVE A FEVER, SO I'M GOING TO CONTACT SOMEONE AT YOUR HOME.

I JUST FEEL A LITTLE HOT.

IT'S OKAY.

YOU SHOULD GO HOME EARLY.

38 DEGREES.

I CAN GO HOME BY MYSELF!

wobble

IT'S OKAY!

wobble

GRAB

Home...

OH?

THEN, I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU.

TEACHER, I CAN TAKE HER HOME.

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU'RE NOT FINE AT ALL.

I'LL BE FINE, SO GO BACK TO SCHOOL.

This could be a pain if Hiro happens to be at home and sees us as well

I'll be going home to Hiro's place, that's why...

I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE HOW I DON'T REALLY GET ALONG WITH MY MOM...

I know!

Should I say Hiro's my new brother...?

THAT'S FINE, RIGHT?

THEN, HOW ABOUT UP UNTIL THE STATION?

YEAH.

.....

.....

.....

THAT'S WHY I'M WORRIED AND TAKING YOU HOME, YOU KNOW?

...Sorry.

Take care on your way back!

I should be alright without him

Hiros probably busy at work so

is make him worry anyway

All I'll do

38.2°C

My fever is rising...

SNAP

HUMMM

Why is this wrapped around my neck..?

Is this some new type of bullying?

wobble

wobble

THERE'S SOMETHING WRAPPED AROUND MY NECK..!! IT STINKS!!

IT STINKS OF ONIONS!!

FWAP

zzzz

He's asleep again...

.....

The rumored folk remedies!?

So family-esque!

And this...

This too...

Could it be...

...this...

What is this...?

There's egg in there...

HIRO...

WHAT ABOUT WORK?

Guuuu

GO STRAIGHT TO BED!

MAO, MAKE SURE TO DRINK THIS AND REST PROPERLY!

OH CRAP!

RISE

WORK!!

MAKE SURE TO SLEEP.
HAVE A SAFE TRIP.
I'M OFF.
OKAY.
O-OKAY.
THUD
clatter
clatter
squirm
squirm
What a rush...
remove
HAA...
I thought I was used to it...
That's strange...

Why is it, that when I get a fever, I feel so helpless?

Wakaba ..

I wish someone was here with me...

It's not like I've ever really been taken care of while I was sick before...

I've been really spoilt here.

Heavy...!

He's here again...!

Puff

He's asleep...

Zzzz

.....

Hiro .. He's always so tired that he's sleeping.

HOW'S YOUR FEVER?

MM? ARE YOU AWAKE?

YEAH.

Y-

I hate him.

YOUR FEVER'S GONE DOWN, BUT YOUR TEMPERATURE'S STILL A BIT HIGH.

I hate him.

I hate him...

I hate him...

WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHAT ABOUT WORK?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

SLEEP! SLEEP!

I really do like him!!

I MADE SURE TO FINISH EVERYTHING UP AT WORK BEFORE COMING BACK.

THE DRINK YOU LEFT ME WAS REALLY BAD!

I HATE IT!

I hate him. hate him. hate him. hate him. hate him!

That's not it.. I It's just that I'm not used to this kind of treatment, that's all!

YOU MUST BE GETTING BETTER IF YOU'VE GOT THE ENERGY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT.

YOU DRANK IT! GOOD GIRL!

I'm
falling...

Into
the depths...

MORNING!

IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION.

WHAT'S THIS? YOU'RE AWFULLY HONEST.

THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS, I MADE A FULL RECOVERY

ペコ

HOW SUSPICIOUS.

Easy to read

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE HEALTHY, I'M GLAD.

STA—RE

brush brush

brush

I had some plans today

Hello! It's Radical.
To think I'd be able to meet you!
I'm very happy.
I'm holding a black bag right now.

Actually, it's a secret from Hiro, but...

ba-dump

I wanted to try meeting and talking with Radical

ba-dump

I feel a lot better now, so...

ba-dump

I'm a little bit excited

Everyone seems to have one, though

Black bag, huh...?

"I'm here" or something...

CLACKA

CLACKA

CLACKA

I should probably send a text so we can identify each other

ARE YOU MISS KUUKAI?

EXCUSE ME...

A pretty woman!!

COULD YOU BE MISS RADICAL?

Y-YES, I AM.

YES! JUST AS I THOUGHT! YOU'RE JUST AS I IMAGINED. NICE TO MEET YOU!!

T-THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'M ALWAYS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN TAKASHI AND KAORU!

I'M A REAL BIG FAN OF YOURS.

BUT TO THINK YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!

I'M SO HAPPY TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO MEET YOU!

I'M WRITING MY OWN NOVEL, AND IT'S ALL INSPIRED BY YOUR WORK.

Makes me happy

To have someone this pretty read and like my novel...

AH, BUT BUT, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE WARRING PERIOD?

Spin off?

AAH...

BUT MINE IS JUST A SPIN OFF, SO I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'D WANT TO READ IT.

NOVEL...! I WANT TO READ IT!

WELL, IT IS A REVERSED COUPLING AFTER ALL...

HISTORICAL DRAMAS HUH... THEY ALWAYS MAKE ONE OF THEM SEEM REALLY GOOD, BUT THEN THE OTHER ONE'S ALWAYS...

TL NOTE: COUPLING AS IN FAN PAIRING (KOU X PATE) LOL

Radical sometimes uses all these strange words.

Roles...?

*RADICAL LIKES PATE MASAMUNE AND KATAKURA KOU LOL

I LIKE HISTORICAL DRAMAS!

...

SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU HAVEN'T UPDATED AT ALL RECENTLY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

.....

AH!!

FALLING IN LOVE...

FOR EXAMPLE.

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN READING INTO IT TOO MUCH AND THINKING THAT KAORU IS ACTUALLY YOU

I KNEW IT! WHEN I WAS READING THE NOVEL, I WAS GETTING THE FEELING IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

B-BUT!

WAH! YOUR FACE IS SO RED!

AND THAT MAYBE YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH TAKASHI OR SOMETHING!

...THAT'S WHY I FELT THAT WE MIGHT BE THE SAME!

?

I THOUGHT I SHOULD JUST FORGET ABOUT IT...

LIKING HIM JUST CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR HIM...

30...?

AH, THAT MEANS SOMEONE THAT'S NOT 2D.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN SOMEONE IN THE 3D WORLD TOO.

I'VE FOUND SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO A BIT NOW. I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE READING INTO THINGS TOO MUCH BECAUSE OF MY LACK OF EXPERIENCE WITH GUYS.

BEFORE I STARTED WORKING AT MY COMPANY, I WAS NEVER INTERESTED IN MY OUTER APPEARANCE AND I RARELY TALKED TO ANY GUYS.

THAT'S WHY I TRIED TO JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.

THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO GIVE UP ON HIM. I THOUGHT I'D TRY TO TAKE IT EASY AND GO A BIT SLOWER.

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS REJECTED EITHER.

BUT I SEE HIM EVERY DAY, SO IT'S HARD TO JUST FORGET.

MISS KUUKA! TOO.

LET'S TRY OUR BEST TOGETHER!

I BELIEVE IT'S SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE RUSHED.

NOD

to just forget...

So it's hard

But I see him every day...

pop

pop

pop

I can't really talk to Chii about it but I'm not that close to Radical so I feel more comfortable talking to her about it

It was my first time talking about something like love

So Radical is the same...

But

is it alright for me to keep loving you?

I won't say it any more.

Uwa... Hiro's back.

CLATTER CLATTER

Say "welcome back" just like usual.

Normal.. Normal...

Act natural. Natural..

I'm feeling kind of self conscious...

WELCOM...

.....

Who is this?

I will carry this to Izumo.
This is the second volume of Izumo to be
published in English.
I'm able to carry it at least a little,
to be very happy. — Izumo

CHAPTER SIX

# Country of Rain

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO RAIN TODAY.

TAKE AN UMBRELLA WITH YOU.

HIRO.

DAIKI.

Hina too!

EH-

shake shake

It'll be extra baggage.

DAIKI, ARE YOU GOING TO BRING YOURS?

MOM IS SAYING IT WILL, SO TAKE THE UMBRELLA WITH YOU.

THERE'S A 30% CHANCE OF RAIN, YOU KNOW.

IT SHOULDN'T RAIN.

HINA WILL BRING IT ALONG!

IT WON'T RAIN, I SAID.

It really did... rain.

SSSHHHHHHHH

HEY, NAUGHTY CHILD OVER THERE—

Everyone's going home anyway.

DASH

No choice but to go home wet.

tap

Shelter

Rain shelter

tap tap

DON'T GIVE ME THAT.

AH.

SERIOUSLY!? THANKS.

SEE YOU.

HERE'S YOUR UMBRELLA.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU GUYS DON'T LISTEN TO ME.

I'M GOING TO DAIKI, OF COURSE.

BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

IT DID.

SEE? IT DID RAIN, RIGHT?

YEAH.

YOU WERE ABLE TO GET HOME WITHOUT GETTING, WET RIGHT?

.....

.....

JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER SAID!

patta

SSSHHHHH

MOM, HINA IS-

JEEZ...

JUST A LITTLE MORE UNTIL THE SAVE POINT, SO WAIT A BIT!

DAIKI, STOP PLAYING GAMES!

TODAY, WE WERE GOING TO THE HOME CENTER, RIGHT?

I CAN LOOK AFTER HINA AND DAIKI, SO YOU GO AHEAD.

"I'M OKAY" MY BUTT.

BECAUSE SHE ATE TOO MUCH ICE CREAM, HER STOMACH STARTED HURTING

I'M OKAY...

ARE YOU OKAY??

YOU CAN'T. THEY'LL BUY ONE AND BRING IT HOME FOR YOU.

WAAAAH

NO~!! HINA WANTS TO GO TOO!! YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO BUY ME A COOKING SET!!

WE'LL BE BACK REAL SOON.

WELL, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU

YUP. IT'S A PROMISE.

REALLY?

ALRIGHT! I'LL DEFINITELY BUY IT FOR YOU!

HAVE A SAFE TRIP.

DAIKI, YOUR EYES WILL GO BAD IF YOU KEEP PLAYING GAMES, SO IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO STOP.

THEY'RE PROBABLY BUYING DINNER.

DAD AND MOM ARE SO LATE...

EVEN THOUGH MY STOMACHACHE IS FINALLY GONE.

My cooking set!

That must be dad and mom.

RIIING...

RIIING

HELLO?

THIS IS THE NAKAMURA HOUSEHOLD.

HELLO.

Our parents passed away.

On that rainy day...

They died instantly in the accident.

They were...

I mean, just a few hours ago...

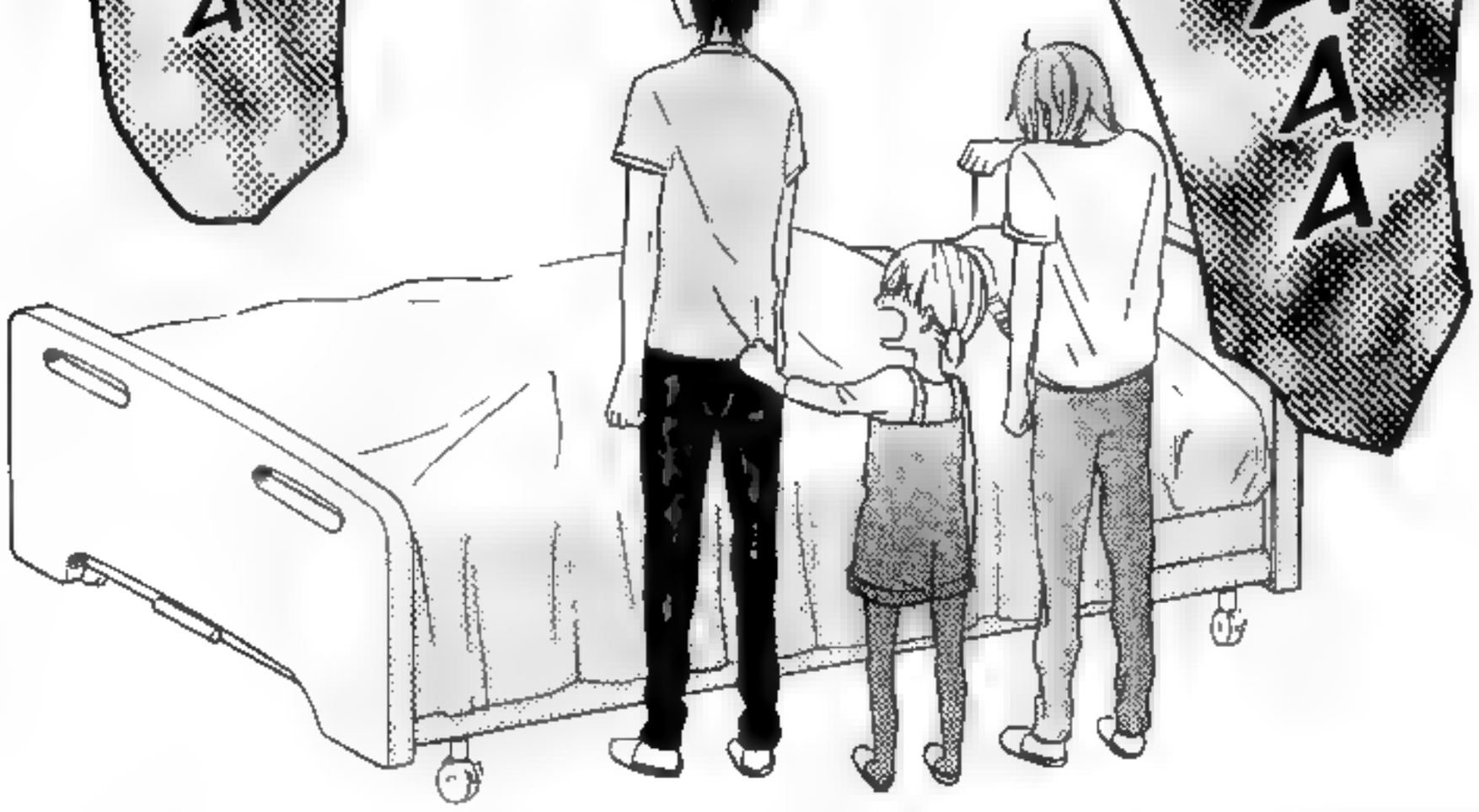
There's no way...

WAAH.

AAA

AAAAA

WAAAAAA



I have to keep it together!!

If I cry too, then Daiki and Hina will get worried.

I have to hold it in.

I will hold it in.

Aaaah, so tired...

sip...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING A NIGHTMARE.

I SEE... AT WORK...

YOU FELL ASLEEP.

AH, ARE YOU AWAKE, NAKAMURA?

EH.

.....

I'LL BRING EVERYONE THEIR COFFEE, OKAY?

It felt like I saw a very sad dream.

I dont remember it at all ..

click

What? A long distance relationship?

Sugimoto had a guy.

Ihuh~

SHE SAID SHE WAS ABLE TO SEE THE PERSON SHE WANTED TO MEET, APPARENTLY.

SUGIMOTO IS AWFULLY CHIRPY, HUH.

WHAT!? WAS IT A GUY!?

WHO KNOWS...

Working 10x faster

CLACK CLACK

That Daiki, even though he's opposed to Mao living there!!

Mao's at home right now, damn it!!

CLACK

Argh, jeez!! I have to finish this work as fast as I can~!!

What should I do if they start fighting!?

CLACK

CLACK

Frm Daiki

Sub

I'll head there straight after school, so I'll let myself in. -_-

W-WHAT...—!?

.....

.....

YES, AND?

AH!!

COULD YOU BE DAIKI?

I'M OBVIOUSLY NOT GOING TO BE THE SAME HEIGHT AS I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

YOU'VE GROWN SO TALL!

I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU!

.....

He doesn't seem to be asking anything.

I wonder if he knows that I'm living here?

Y...YEAH.

HMM...

YEAH.

WHERE'S HIRO? STILL AT WORK?

Y-YES!

AH, THAT'S RIGHT.

I HAVEN'T SAID ANY-THING YET

HE JUST SAID "I LIKE YOU" AND LEFT IT AT THAT

EH? WHAT DID HE SAY?

...

I see, that's amaz ng!

Why is it red...

Kuh...

grumble

grumble

AND SO, THAT PERSON CONFESSED TO ME.

grumble

Why is it raining!?

I'm in a hurry here!

grumble

grumble

"It was a joke"

"When I said I liked you."

It's very like her

It's hard to live together with you. I'm having a tough time here.

Is probably what she's thinking.

WELCOME BACK.

AH.. IT SUDDENLY STARTED RAINING.

HIRO, YOU'RE DRENCHED.

towel

towel

I CAME WHEN SCHOOL ENDED, AFTER ALL.

You should change...

I'M BACK. O-DAIKI, LONG TIME NO SEE.

YOU CAME AS YOU ARE IN YOUR UNIFORM?

ANYWAY, HAVE SOME TEA OR SOMETHING.

YOU CAME TO CHECK OUT COLLEGE, RIGHT?

.....

AH!

AND VISIT THE GRAVE AS WELL.

tap tap tap tap

SLAM

O-OKAY.

So obvious...

I'M GOING TO MY ROOM!

I JUST REMEMBERED I HAD SOMETHING TO DO, SO...

SOMEWHAT...

ARE YOU LISTENING?

I SAID, HINA'S ALREADY BEEN LIVING WITH THEM FOR A YEAR NOW.

YOU JUST SAID THAT EARLIER.

R...RIGHT.

LONG TIME NO SEE.

TAP

.....

THEN, WHY IS SHE LIVING TOGETHER WITH YOU?

BECAUSE I'M OPPOSED TO THIS.

ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH MAO?

THAT'S NOT IT.

MAO'S PARENTS ARE ALIVE.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU CAN'T BE TOGETHER

EVEN IF THEY'RE ALIVE.

BUT THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.

AND THEN, YOU STAY AT THIS HOUSE WITH A CAREFREE FACE LETTING STRANGERS LIVE HERE.

EVEN WHEN FATHER AND MOTHER PASSED AWAY, YOU DIDN'T CRY.

smoke
smoke
smoke

.....

EVEN I...

IT'S MAO...

smack...
sniff
sniff
WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

BANG

WHEN I IT CAUGHT TRIED TO ON FIRE!!! IRON...

BANG

WHAT'S WRONG!?

Haa
Haa
WHAT A RELIEF...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT!?
smoke
smoke
I GOT IT!
DAIKI, BRING SOME WATER!!
smoke smoke
THUD
Gyaaah
THUMP
Kyaaah
Waaah
THUD
Y-YEAH.
NOTHING ELSE CAUGHT ON FIRE, DID IT?
YOU COULD HAVE BURNED THE HOUSE DOWN!
now
now
SORRY... I THOUGHT I COULD AT LEAST DO SOME IRONING...
THERE'S A HOLE!
NOW WHAT...?
AHH!!

EH?!

TOMORROW, LET'S DO SOME SHOPPING ALONG WITH THE GRAVE VISIT...

MAO CAN PAY ME BACK FOR THE T-SHIRT.

MAO'S TRYING HER BEST IN HER OWN WAY.

Now now

IF THERE REALLY WAS A FIRE, WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO!?

Grumble

Grumble

Grumble

OH?

YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO PAY ME BACK?

UH...

IT'LL HAVE TO BE SOMETHING CHEAP!!

WHATEVER'S FINE; JUST DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH ANYTHING WEIRD!

Or this one

This one isn't it

OK!

GIVE ME SOMETHING COOL AT LEAST.

fidget fidget

DON'T RUN...

ALRIGHT! I'LL CHOOSE A GOOD ONE!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO?

AH... YEAH.

CAN I GO CHECK OUT THE KITCHEN AREA!?

NO, IT'S...

WHAT'S WITH THE FIDGETING?

This isn't it...

.....

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

...MY BROTHER...

JUST LIKE THAT.

IS HE ALWAYS LIKE THAT?

HIRO?

I THOUGHT HE WAS ALWAYS HOLDING IT IN...

EVEN DURING THE FUNERAL SERVICE, HE DIDN'T CRY.

EVEN WHEN FATHER AND MOTHER DIED,

BUT I DON'T THINK THAT ANY MORE.

EVEN NOW, HE'S ALWAYS ENDURING.

NO, HE'S DEFINITELY HOLDING IT IN.

HIRO IS ACTUALLY VERY LONELY.

AH—!!

W-WHAT!?

THAT'S WHY HE WANTS EVERYONE TO COME BACK SOON,

YOU INCLUDED.

.....

SFX: SHOCK

Hmph.

NOT BAD.

Kyaah

LET'S GO WITH THIS!!

Kyaah

Kyaah

THIS IS SUPER SPECIAL, MIRACLE, DEMONIC CUTE!

THIS IS...

DOG

I DID!

OH? DID YOU GET ME SOMETHING COOL?

THEN, LET'S GO VISIT THE GRAVE.

MAO...

.....

I CAN WAIT HERE.

.....

AH.

WHEN WE'RE DONE, I'LL CALL YOU.

WE'LL MEET UPSTAIRS FOR LUNCH AFTERWARDS.

OKAY.

...I SEE.

THEN, WE'LL BE GOING.

MOM, DAD, DAIKI CAME TO VISIT.

.....

.....

It looks pretty well kept.

南无阿弥陀佛

ON GRAVE: NAM□AMIDABA. IT'S A BUDDHIST PRAYER.

SORRY, DAIKI.

EVER SINCE MAO CAME, THE FEELING ONLY GOT STRONGER.

plop

YOU PROBABLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M THINKING, RIGHT?

I REALLY JUST WANTED TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE AGAIN IN THAT HOUSE.

IT'S RAINING.

IT SURE IS.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST MAO.

SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME TOO.

I FEEL LIKE EVEN NOW

MOM'S STILL SAYING "COME AND EAT AT OUR HOUSE, MAO!"

IT JUST MAKES ME REMEMBER.

YOU HATE THE RAIN, AFTER ALL.

THAT'S A TERRIBLE FACE.

WHENEVER IT RAINED, MOM WOULD ALWAYS COME AND BRING US AN UMBRELLA.

HOW NOSTALGIC.

WELL, IT IS, BUT...

THAT'S NOT IT...!

IT'S NOT.

LET'S GO BACK.

MAO'S WAITING.

WE PROBABLY WON'T GET TOO WET IF WE RUN BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT STORE.

I remember...

rustle

rustle

Mom and
Dad's voices...

The warm
house ..

The cold
hospital,
which was
the complete
opposite

The pain
in my throat
while I held back
my tears. .

STEP

I BROUGHT YOUR UMBRELLAS.

HIRO,

DAIKI,

?

THEY WERE SELLING CUTE UMBRELLAS.

IT STARTED RAINING, AFTER ALL.

MAO...

IT'S JUST THAT I REMEMBERED SOMETHING REALLY FAMILIAR!

EH? WHAT IS IT!?

HAHAHA.

Even though it's so super, special, miracle, demonic cute...

It's the "Hyakume*", you know.

EH?

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS...!? WHAT A LAME UMBRELLA!

*"HYAKUME" (LIT. HUNDRED EYES) IS A YOUKAI WITH COUNTLESS EYES ALL OVER ITS BODY

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FLAP

It's not bad

How is this cute!?

You have strange interests, don't you?

Hiro, you're the one that's strange!

?

LET'S GO HOME.

IT'S PROBABLY JUST AS YOU SAID, BROTHER.

NAH, IT'S NOTHING.

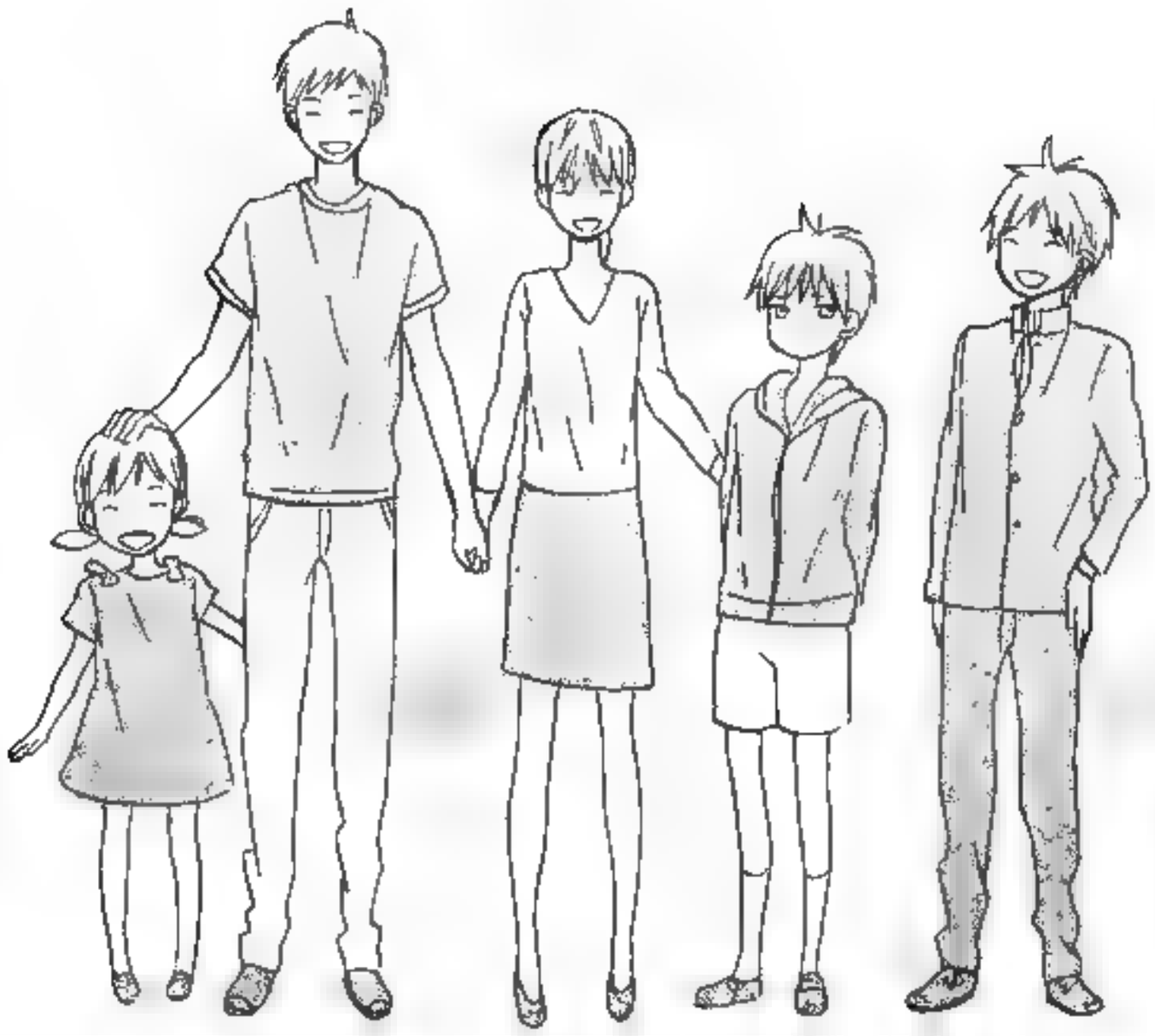
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE...

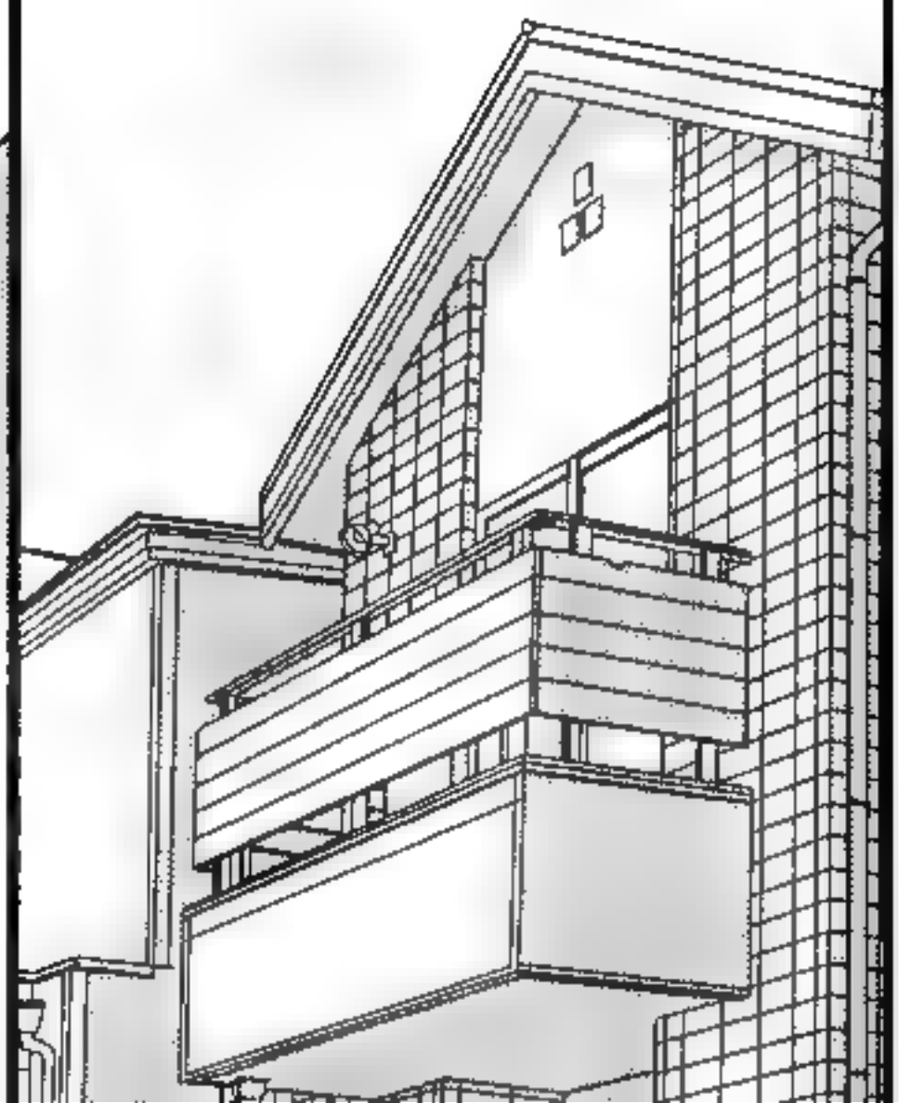
Brother never laughed this happily

But still...

Not since

back then





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THANKS.

I SEE.

I'LL DISCUSS THINGS WITH UNCLE SO THAT I CAN COME BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TAP

TAP

TAP

DOG

AH!

WELL, SEE YOU.

T-THIS...

IT'S A MATCHING T-SHIRT WITH HIRO.

FOR THE TIME BEING, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY BROTHER.

YEAH.

FOR ME?

?

WHAT'S WITH THAT?

Like it fits me at all!

THAT SHIRT FITS YOU PRETTY WELL, BROTHER.

WAIT! I CAN'T AGREE WITH THAT!!

L-LEAVE IT TO ME!

.....

SEE YOU.

LEAVE IT TO ME!!

IT'S MORE LIKE I'M THE ONE TAKING CARE OF HER!

YEAH.

AREN'T YOU GLAD, HIRO?

DOG

Putting that aside, let's clean up
You make too much of a mess from just trying to cook one sunny-side egg.

JUST KIDDING~~~

EH!? WHAT'S WITH THAT!?

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU.

Please, please.
Let everyone
come back to him soon

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CHAPTER SEVEN

# Radical and Her Crush

Lod Lod

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*NETVOR = MONSTER; LOĎ = BOAT (CZECH)

HM, THIS ONE IS FOR MAGYO.

HE HAS TOO MUCH STUFF IN HIS HOUSE, SO HE SENT SOME OVER.

I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT HE LIKES THESE KINDS OF THINGS FROM PLACES LIKE THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND RUSSIA

IT'S A PACKAGE FROM DAIKI.

HIRO, WHAT IS THIS...?

To Magyo, My thanks for the shirt.

that's mean... what's with that?

It's true!!

IT SAYS "TO MAGYO" HERE!

IT'S MAO!

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I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S JUST A BIG COINCIDENCE THAT YOU BOTH HAVE THE SAME UNIQUE TASTES.

Must be a m racle.

There's a topknot on his head!! So cute!!

COULD DAIKI BE AN ESPER WHO UNDERSTANDS MY FEELINGS!!?

DVD

Chonmage

U-UWAA-AAA~~!!

SFX = SPARKLE

*CHONMAGE = TOPKNOT (JAPANESE)

I-I'll kill him...!! But, I'm a little happy so it's a bizarre feeling.

RIP

I got a book ..

Hes making fun of me

THE FACT THAT DAIKI SENT SOME THINGS HERE MEANS THAT HE'S THINKING OF COMING BACK HOME.

HIRO.

Hiro looks like he's having fun when Daiki is here

I'm glad

.....

I'm glad

THAT'S TRUE.

I-I SEE.

SHE SAYS SHE CAN'T GIVE A CLEAR RESPONSE YET.

SHE DID.

DID HINA SEND BACK A RESPONSE?

I UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S JUST MY OWN SELFISHNESS.

WANTING TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE AGAIN...

IT'S JUST LIKE I THOUGHT. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES NOW.

HAHA, THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY AT ALL.

I'LL BE HERE FOR YOU FOR THE TIME BEING, SO CHEER UP!

Ow, ow.

But

YOU SURE ARE FRANK.

THAT'S TRUE.

I'm sure Hina feels the same way

If it were me,

I'd be happy if I had someone to tell me to come back home

I feel a little relieved, but this is bad.

This is bad.

If Daiki and Hina were to come back,

I definitely will have to leave from here.

Will he really come?

Tomorrow?

The day after?

The day after that?

It has already been a month since I started living here.

Dad said he would bring my living expenses every month but...

SO HOW DID THE MESSAGE GO?

.....

He's still talking about Hiro as if he were my mom.

HOW DID IT GO WHEN YOU CONFRONTED YOUR MOM ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS??

Do they even want me to go back?

Do they even think of me at all?

EH? IS THAT SO?

I'VE ALREADY RESOLVED THE ISSUE.

I DEFINITELY WON'T TELL HER.

YOU DEFINITELY WON'T TELL CHII?

AND...

S-SORRY, ODA!!

IT WASN'T MY MOM BUT ACTUALLY ABOUT THE PERSON I LIKE.

S-SERIOUSLY?

BUT I WAS TURNED DOWN.

brighten

WHAT IS IT!?

SFX. GLOOM

NOTHING AT ALL.

WHAT, WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I shouldn't be happy!

Sorry, sorry...

AH, BUT MIYAMOTO IS SAD THOUGH.

EEH, I DON'T NEED IT.

MIYAMOTO, YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING FROM HERE ON OUT!

SHUT UP- DON'T BARGE IN OUR SECRET TALK!

I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU!!

I'LL GO HOME TOO! LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!

I HAVE SOME THINGS TO DO TODAY, SO I'M GOING HOME.

NO.

ガーン

Ha

BYE BYE!

CHII TOO, SORRY!

I HAVE SOME PLANS AT MY FRIEND'S HOUSE, SO I'LL BE GOING HOME.

EEEH!!

I promised to go to Radical's house today

Oh well it's not like I was lying.

.. I ended up leaving in a hurry

She told me to come in my school uniform, too

WELCOME, MISS KUUKAI!

30
杉本

YES! IT'S REALLY CUTE, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

IS THAT HOW IT IS?

YAY~ SCHOOL UNIFORM!! HIGH SCHOOL GIRL!! MOE!!

EXCUSE ME FOR THE INTRUSION.

TODAY'S WORK WENT UP UNTIL 3.

Pardon the intrus on.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT WITH WORK?

YEP! AH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE FORMAL. MY BEING FORMAL IS A HABIT, SO DON'T MIND ME.

YOU SEEM TO LIVE BY YOURSELF, HUH?

There's a lot of action figures too!

Ama~zing!

Ama~zing!

There's a lot of history books...

Ama~zing!

AH, DON'T LOOK AT THAT PLEASE! DON'T MIND IT!

?

YES! I LIKE IT VERY MUCH.

IT'S FULL OF HISTORY BOOKS...

Amazing...

EH!! WITH SNAKES!?

MAA WOULD DO STUFF LIKE TRY TO FIGHT SNAKES WITH HIS PENIS.

*"FIGHT" COULD ALSO MEAN "COMPETE" (AS IN LENGTH)

Maa?

Jeez! He's cute and cool!

MAA IS SUPER CUTE!!

Y-YEAH.

RIGHT? WEIRD, HUH?

Ah!! That must be the person Radical likes at her company!

※ Maa is actually referring to Date Masamune.

BUSINESS TRIP?? LOL. THAT'S A GOOD ONE!!

B-BUSINESS TRIP??

HE'S SUCH A PLAYFUL PERSON THAT HE WENT TO ODAWARA WEARING BURIAL CLOTHES.

*SUGIMOTO REALLY SPEAKS THIS WAY

BY THE WAY, YOU STARTED YOUR UPDATES AGAIN, HUH?

But if someone like that works at the company. It might be kind of fun

Radical likes a really weird person doesn't she...?

AH, I DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER AT WHERE I'M LIVING NOW.

I'M DOING MY SITE ON A COMPUTER, BUT DO YOU ONLY UPDATE ON YOUR CELLPHONE?

WELL, I DON'T USE MY COMPUTER ALL THAT MUCH EVEN AT MY ACTUAL HOME...

WHEN I FOUND YOUR SITE, I WAS REALLY MOVED.

YES.

*Imagine that it was her mug cup..?*

THERE WERE A LOT OF SITES THAT WEREN'T VERY GOOD, BUT YOURS WAS VERY HEAVENLY

AT FIRST I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE CHARACTERS WERE ACTUALLY ONE OF MY FAVOURITE MINOR COUPLINGS, BUT THEN AS I CONTINUED TO READ I FELT LIKE THE STORY KIND OF ACTUALLY APPLIED TO MYSELF

*SUGIMOTO SAID マイカプ WHICH REFERS TO MINOR COUPLINGS OF CHARACTERS. MAO DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HER.

*As high school students!?*

*LIVING TOGETHER!?*

I'M LIVING WITH THE PERSON I LIKE AND...

THE TRUTH IS... DUE TO SOME CIRCUMSTANCES... CURRENTLY... UM

WHERE YOU'RE LIVING NOW?

N-NO! THAT'S NOT IT!

BUT NO MATTER THE REASON, BEING ABLE TO BE TOGETHER IS LOVELY.

UM, THERE REALLY ARE A LOT OF CIRCUMSTANCES,

SO I CAN'T SAY ANY MORE. I'M SORRY.

I ENJOY BEING AT WORK TOO.

nod

UMMM...

WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS THE GUY THAT YOU LIKE, MISS KUUKAI?

YES!!

Mao is strange, after all.

THAT SOUNDS FUN...

THAT'S NOT LIKE A MOM. THAT JUST MEANS YOU LIKE HIM LOL.

WHEN I'M WITH HIM, MY CHEST FEELS TIGHT, LIKE A MOM...

REALLY...

LIKE A MOM?

CLOTH SANDALS.

This!

SANDALS?

I'M PRETTY BAD AT CLEANING. I ALWAYS END UP GETTING SIDE TRACKED AND MAKING SANDALS.

THAT'S MORE LIKE A WIFE!!

EH!?

BUT HE LIKES TO COOK AND CLEAN...

OKAY~ LET'S MAKE IT TOGETHER.

T...THIS!! PLEASE TEACH ME HOW TO MAKE IT!

hmph

hmph

YOU CAN USE THE CLOTH YOU DON'T NEED ANY MORE TO MAKE SANDALS.

I HOPE THAT THE PERSON YOU LIKE RETURNS YOUR FEELINGS TOO.

I was found out

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT FOR THE PERSON YOU LIKE? I'LL GO GET THE CLOTH.

I didn't want to think about it, but I wonder if Hiro has someone he likes?

Wrap it around your feet like this

Een..

The person that Hiro likes...

Put your feelings into it.

Maybe he walks around with some stranger during his days off.

Lonely Holiday...

It looks like he doesn't have a girlfriend, though.

Wakaba~

IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER NEXT WEEKEND IN THE MORNING?

AH, IT'S TIME TO GO ALREADY?

AH, MY CURFEW AT MY PLACE IS EARLY, SO I NEED TO GO HOME.

I should stop thinking about it .

When we talk about people we like, Radical is very cute.

THEN IT'S DECIDED!

I'LL COME!

clap clap clap

I want to hear more about Maa.

Talking with Radical is so much fun.

Eeh- Maa, huh? lol. I won't stop talking about him, you know.

Is very fun.

Talking about people we like...

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△#□□~

T... this is...!!

Quick Quick Quick Quick Quick Quick .....

△○□#

#△○

Triumphant look

HIRO!

BANG

Let's show it to Hiro!!

I was able to do it well...!!

THAT'S NOT IT. AT LEAST KNOCK, IDIOT.

WERE YOU LOOKING AT PORN SITES??

WHA! MAO!

ガチャ

SFX: CLATTER

HEY!!

What are you, an elementary student?

PORN SITES! PORN SITES!

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Takesh played w th our dog, Croquet ag

I m onely. I wish he d play with me onc

We're always togetner at work, but nev

But not being able to meet makes me s

"Kaoru"

Takesh called out my name all of a sud

Takeshi played with our dog, Croquet again t

I'm lonely I wish he'd play with me once in

We're always together at work, but never

But not being able to meet makes me sad

"Kaoru."

Takeshi called out my name all of a su

M-my novel website?

Huh?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO SHOCKED.

EEH— !?

I GOT INTO IT AT WORK, SO I ENDED UP READING IT NOW.

HEY, YOU USUALLY SAY SOMETHING HERE.

ALSO, THE WRITER, SORAMI, FITS THE IMAGE OF THE GIRL AT MY COMPANY. SO I WAS A BIT INTERESTED AND THOUGHT "MAYBE, SORAMI IS HER..."

THAT GIRL AT THE COMPANY IS WRITING A NOVEL TOO.

THE GUY SEEMS TO HAVE SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES SO IT'S SOMEWHAT INTERESTING.

After my gaze met with Tsuyoshi's, we remained like that for a little while before...

*For Hiro to read that diary full of delusions...*

NO, REALLY... IT'S JUST, I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED.

*It's Kuukai, not Sorami!!**

*I'm the one that's confused!*

*HE'S BEEN READING THE KANJI OF HER NAME WRONG

H-HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?

AAAA AAAAA AAAH!!

I...

want...

to...

die...

UWAAA AAAAAA AAAAAA AAH...!!!

DING DONG

DON'T BE SO DISGUSTED THAT IT MAKES YOU CRY.

HE CALLED JUST BEFORE.

IT'S YOUR DAD.

?

I'LL BE GOING.

HE PROBABLY BROUGHT YOUR LIVING EXPENSES FOR THIS MONTH.

Dad...!

Kind of scary

Hiro is...

When it's about my Dad.

.....

W-WHEN I WAS YOUNGER,

DAD WAS VERY KIND.

OR ARE YOU GOING TO MEET HIM?

ARE YOU GOING TO STAY HERE, MAO?

ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH NOT MEETING HIM?

DO YOU REALLY WANT THINGS TO STAY LIKE THIS?

I STILL WANT TO STAY HERE.

I-

I...

I want to be with Hiro

I'll be going.

Alright, then stay here.

SLAM

Is he going to come into the house?

When Hiro comes back, what will he say?

Will he be mad?

Will he pity me?

forget about me.

He didn't

Dad came for me.

I don't know what I should do.

No matter what happens,

What should I talk about?

Smiling would be strange.

What kind of face should I have?

flinch

creak

MAO.

A CLOTH SANDAL, ISN'T IT...!?

T...THIS IS...

THEY KEEP THE HOUSE CLEAN

I WAS SURPRISED TOO.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN, HUH? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO CLUMSY.

MAKING IT WAS PRETTY TOUGH.

.....

Dad.

WHEN YOU WEAR THEM.

This was made pretty well.

I didn't think you could make something like this

I DID.

DID YOU MAKE IT FOR ME, MAO?

without seeing me

He left

CLEAN...

YOU CAN...

WHEN YOU WEAR THEM...

rustle

DON'T TOUCH ME, IDIOT.

rustle

rustle

rustle

rustle

"Mao."

"Here's the thing
you wanted."

become
all alone?

When
did I

When was
it again?

SO UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN STAY HERE.

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER ONE DAY,

Hiro...

Why do you always

It seems like there's more historical goods than before?

tell me the things

.....

Are you busy?

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU STOPPED UPDATING AGAIN?

I want to hear?

EH~~ SO THAT'S HOW IT IS~~

AT THE MOMENT... I CAN'T UPDATE RIGHT NOW...

AH!

slip

KUUKAI SEEMS TO HAVE HER OWN TROUBLES AS WELL, HUH?

That's too bad.

I'LL HELP.

AH, I'LL GO GET SOME TEA, OKAY?

KYA— ARE YOU OKAY!?

OUCH...

FALL

SFX: BAM

WA~~~ HAHA...

AH! THE EXPENSIVE, THIN BOOKS!

I fell...

AH!! THE HIDDEN BOX IS-!

WAH, HAHA...

.....

Because we meet every day, I couldn't forget.

Huh?

She's writing a novel too...

There's a girl at my company...

Huh?

I like a person at my company...

YOU SAW IT.

THE PICTURE OF THE PERSON I LIKE...

scans. Public ~ trans. Jiraiza ~ cleans. ruruzia, nijigen, Kiiragi ~ type. RelM

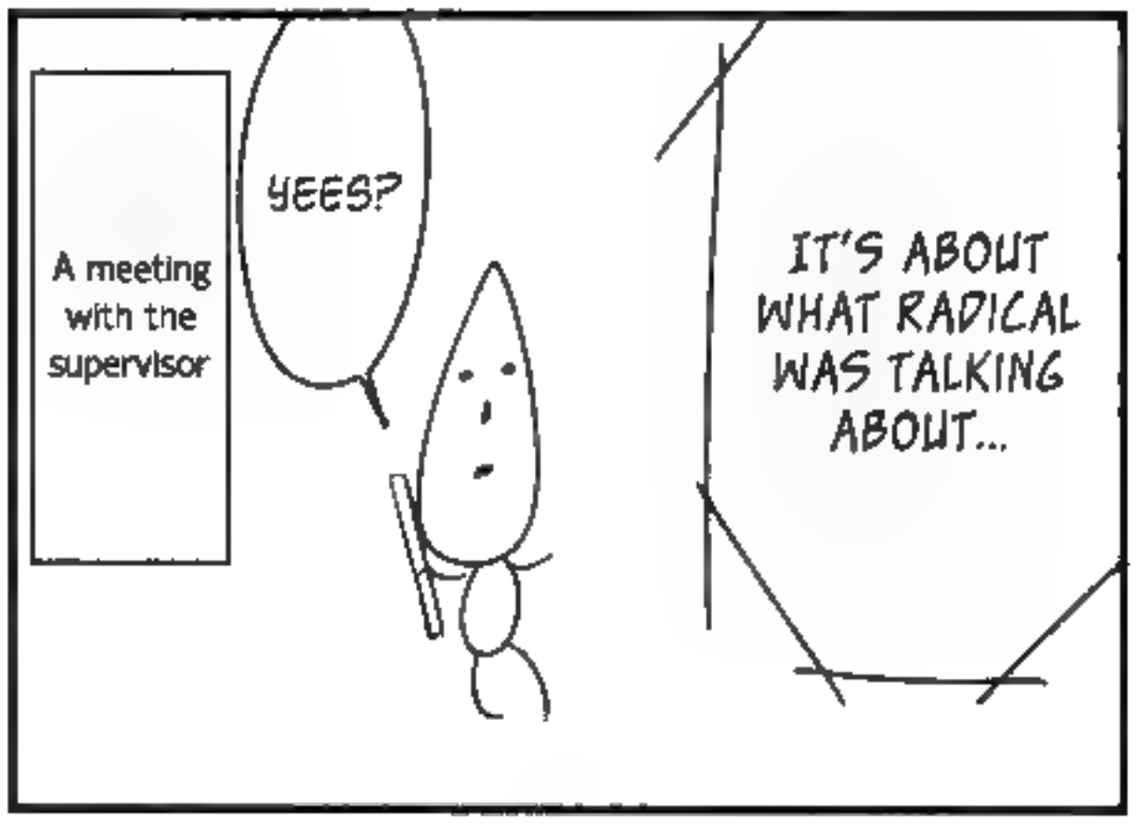
What?

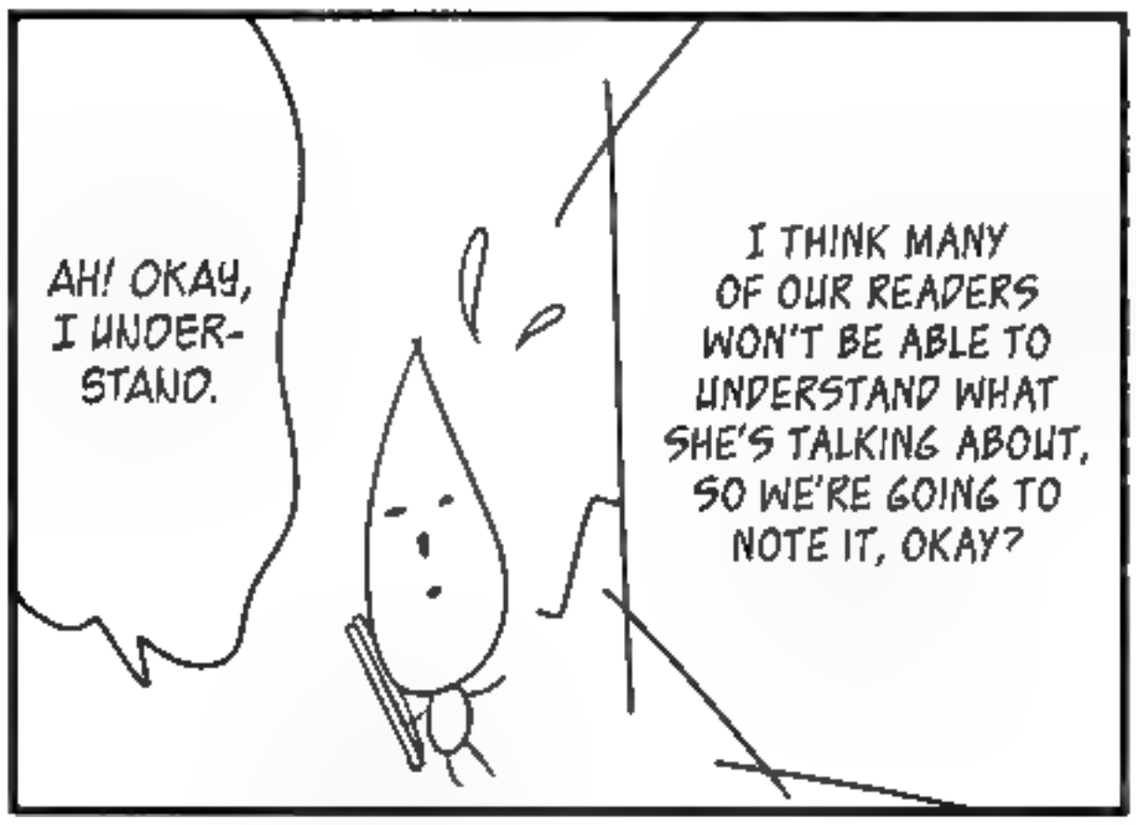
This is the 4-koma depicting the daily life of writing this manga.
I would like to draw more pages if there happens to be some room left at the end.

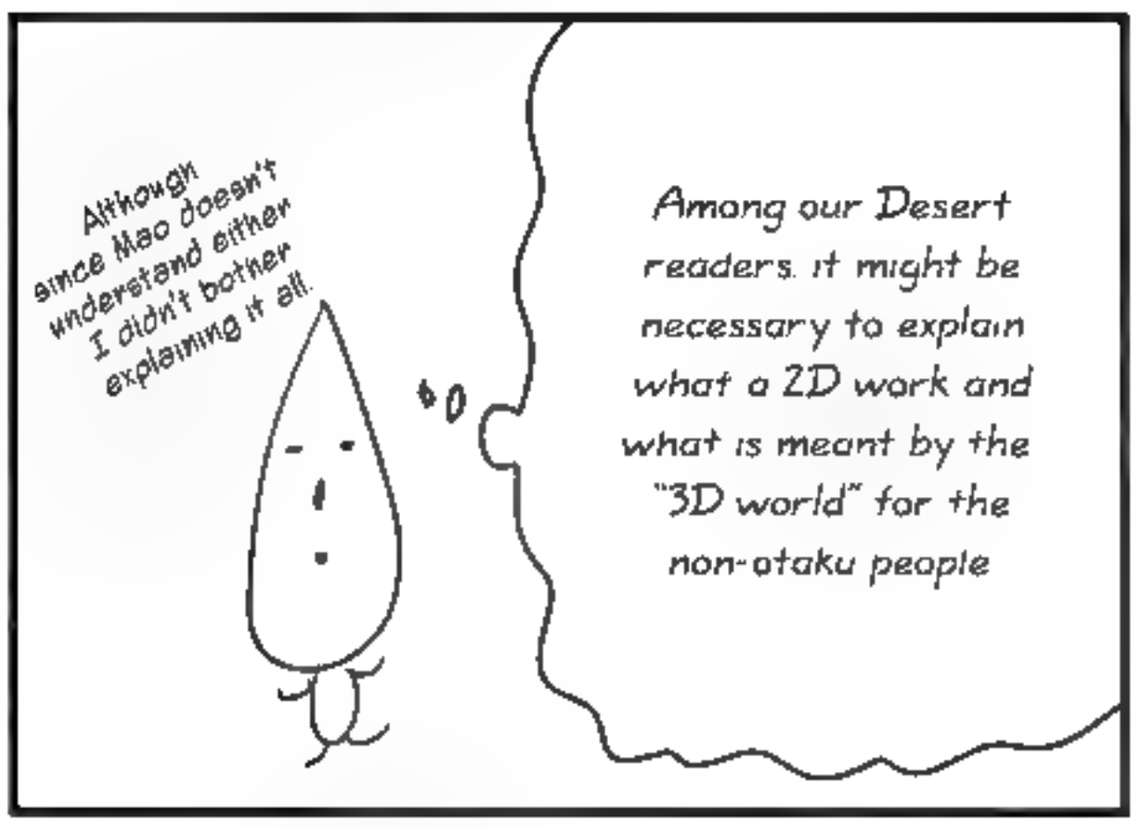
This is Taamo.

This time's commission is going to be fully digitized, but how it turns out is a little worrying.

I'm sorry for the sloppy writing.
On that note, I'm also sorry to the animals.
So I'll try my best!





AH! OKAY, I UNDER-STAND.
I THINK MANY OF OUR READERS WON'T BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT, SO WE'RE GOING TO NOTE IT, OKAY?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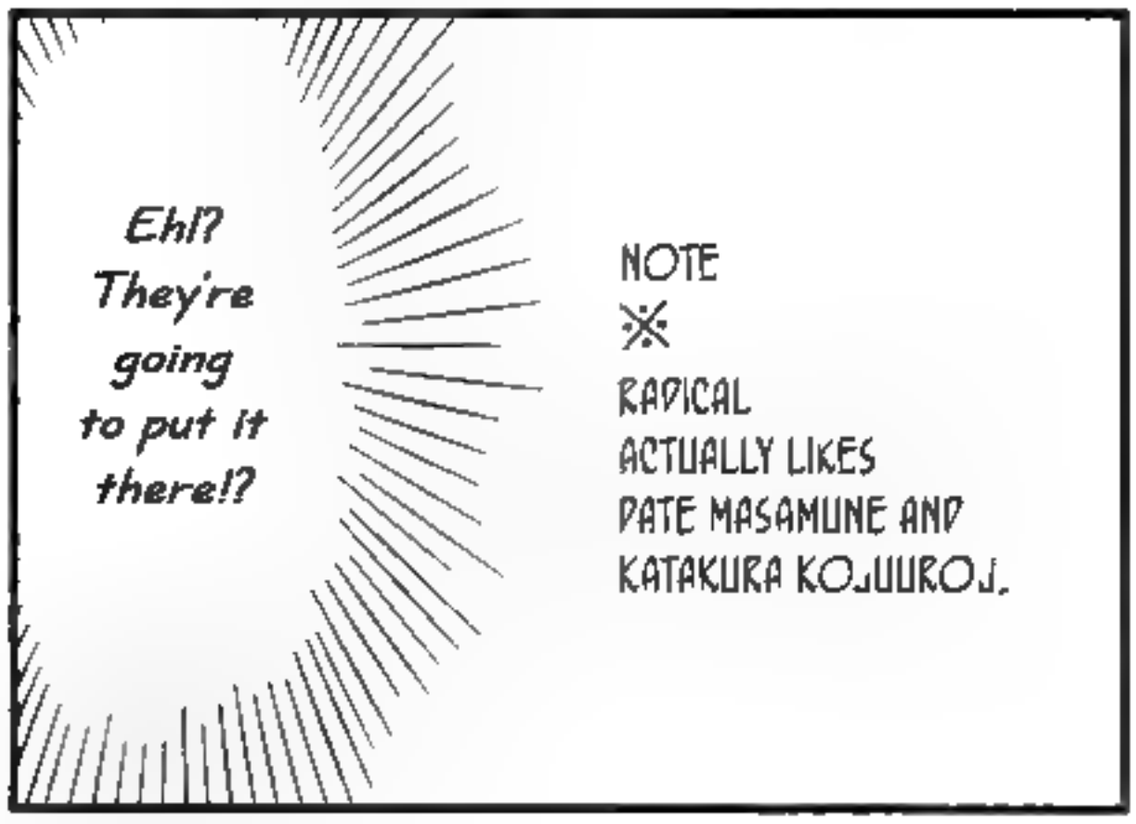

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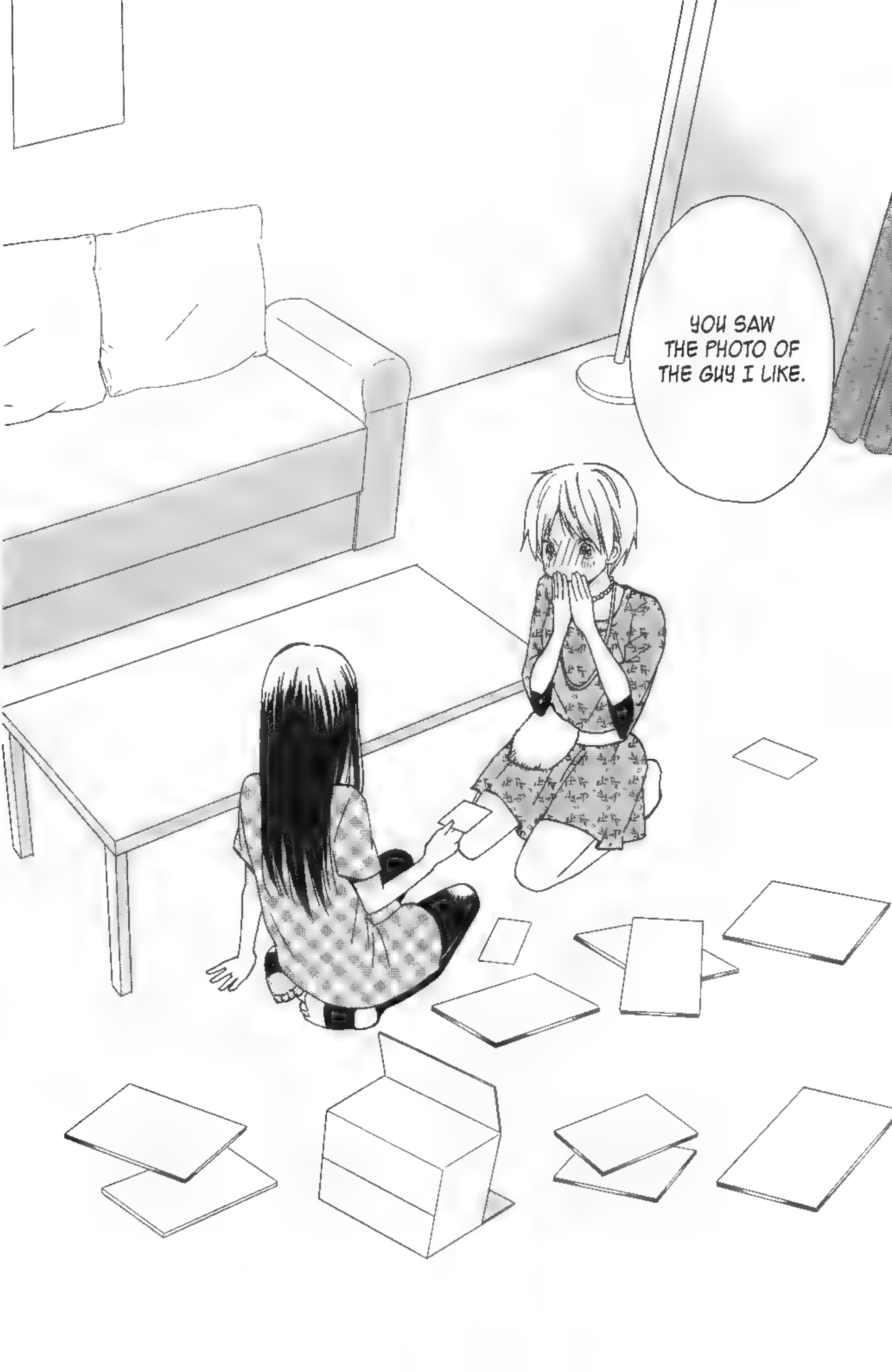
YOU SAW THE PHOTO OF THE GUY I LIKE.

Radical likes?

The person

UMM... THIS IS A PHOTO FROM THE COMPANY TRIP.

So the person Radical likes isn't Maa?

I WAS SO NERVOUS WHEN I WAS TAKING THAT PICTURE.

I don't think he'd go picking fights with snakes either.

There's no "ma" in "Hiro" at all.

I'D NEVER REALLY TALKED TO GUYS BEFORE.

AS A HIGH SCHOOLER YOU MIGHT FIND THIS AMUSING, BUT...

LET ALONE THINK ABOUT DATING.

I'D ONLY GONE TO ALL GIRLS SCHOOLS EVER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

He wouldn't go out in funeral clothes either.

BUT WHEN THE MANAGER STARTED ASKING ME IF I HAVE A BOYFRIEND OR NOT, AND IF I'D DONE IT BEFORE OR NOT,

I REALLY DIDN'T LIKE IT.

EVEN WITH THIS GUY, I STARTED OFF BY IMAGINING THINGS ABOUT HIM...!

HE GETS ALONG WELL WITH THE GUY IN GLASSES, SO I IMAGINED THEM FLIRTING WITH EACH OTHER.

IT'S PROBABLY JUST BECAUSE I'M NOT USED TO GUYS.

I-IT MIGHT JUST BE MY IMAGINATION OR I MIGHT JUST BE READING INTO THINGS TOO MUCH, BUT

That does seem like something Hiro would do

Sounds like him

AND I RAN OFF SAYING THAT I'D GO MAKE THEM SOME TEA.

BUT HE CAME AND SAVED ME BY ASKING THE MANAGER SOMETHING

I'M IN MY TWENTIES NOW...!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE LIKED SOMEONE SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

WE'RE NO...

YOU ARE! IT'S SOMETHING SOMEONE LIKE ME, WHO HAS TROUBLE EVEN SPEAKING TO GUYS, KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT.

*THE LIVING WITH SHE SAYS IS THE TYPE THAT IMPLIES A COUPLE LIVING-IN WITH EACH OTHER

IT'S ALRIGHT TO LAUGH.

I FEEL SO EMBARRASSED TELLING THIS TO SOMEONE WHO'S EVEN LIVING WITH* THE PERSON THEY LIKE...

She really likes him.

Wow...

I'M NOT SURE IF I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO HIM MUCH...

OR IF I HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO HIM AT ALL...

WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE, I'M NO DIFFERENT FROM AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILD.

But
I really
want to
cheer
her on.×!
IF YOU DON'T GET BACK SOON, YOU'LL GET IN TROUBLE, RIGHT?
YOU HAVE TO GO NOW, DON'T YOU?
IT MUST BE NICE. I LIVE ALONE, SO THAT MAKES ME A LITTLE JEALOUS.

EH!!
AH! THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE ALL THESE BOOKS AND THINGS...!!
MAA IS DATE MASAMUNE.
HE'S NOT MAA LOL.
OH... MAA? LOLOLOL.
SORRY, BUT... JUST ABOUT WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE...
ANYWAY, ABOUT THE PERSON I LIKE, I'M A BIT EMBARRASSED, SO I'LL KEEP HIS NAME A SECRET,
BUT RADICAL IS A NICKNAME THAT I GOT FROM HIS NAME.
.....
Radical
2. Basic, fundament
complete
3. In maths,
In science,
TL NOTE: ONE OF THE WORDS IN THE DICTIONARY ENTRY IS THE KANJI FOR HIRO'S NAME

finally managed to become friends~!!

Even though we finally

My only friend other than Chii

Even though

Hiro after all...

It really is

going shopping and stuff like that with her...!!

Even though I was really looking forward to

I'VE ALREADY MADE DINNER.

WELCOME BACK, MAO.

I'M HOME!!

WAAH!!

しゅるる——

IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU, BUT IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!

W-WHY ARE YOU MAD?

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TODAY IS A CELEBRATION.

BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING A NEW FAMILY MEMBER!!

YOU SURE HAVE A SHARP TONGUE AS USUAL.

DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO GO ON DATES WITH ON YOUR DAYS OFF,

RATHER THAN SPENDING ALL YOUR SPARE TIME COOKING?

IS DAIKI COMING BACK? OR HINA?

I'LL KEEP THE DETAILS A SECRET FOR NOW.

THAT'S GREAT... CONGRATU-LATIONS!

EH!!

THAT'S GREAT...

It's great...
but

I'm still

worried about
whether or not

it's really
alright for me
to stay here.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO WORRY ABOUT SOMETHING, AT LEAST WAIT TILL YOU'RE DONE WITH DINNER.

**THE FOOD IS DELICIOUS!!**

I DON'T GET WHY YOU'RE MAD AT ALL TODAY.

I'd just be in the way too.

If Hiro likes Radical then

IS IT THAT BAD? YOU'RE LOOKING KIND OF PALE. .

I told her I was living with the person I like too..

Sorry. .

Hmm?? Maybe I shouldn't ask her too much about it..?

.....

I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR PROBLEMS LATER.

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!!

AT YOUR WORK THAT'S WRITING THE NOVEL. WHAT'RE THEY LIKE?

HI...

HIRO, ABOUT THE PERSON

HMM... SHE HAS SHORT HAIR?

WHAT ARE THEY LIKE. .?

.....

HUH?

??

DID SOMEONE FROM MY WORK DO SOMETHING TO YOU?

.....

WHAT ELSE?

NO, NOTHING.

IF IT WAS NOTHING, YOU WOULDN'T NORMALLY ASK THIS KIND OF THING, WOULD YOU?

This really is too awkward...

But he won't answer me if I just ask "Do you have anyone you like?"

This is too roundabout

Maybe Mao reads that novel as well?

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うーん

うーん

.....

look for proof!

If it's come to this, I'll just have to

What on earth am I doing here in the dressing room?

But I can't just look at his messages!!

This seems like something a robber would do!!

But I don't know his address!!

I'll send Daiki a message and ask him!?

~Panicking even more~

No... He won't get that!!

I know... I'll ask him through my novel!!

←Having a mini panic attack

Does Hiro have anyone that he likes? Like someone at work?

GYAAAAAAA

NO YOU WEREN'T!!

Why are you sweating so much!!?

I-I WAS BRUSHING MY TEETH.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?

Who would want to see me naked!?

M-MOLESTER!!

Hurt his feelings a little

IT'S NOTHING! I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL SEEING YOU NAKED!!

No! I didn't see it!!

I might have seen it...!

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I guess I'll just have to ask him directly!!

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HIRO.

Do you have someone that you like?

Hey...

He's asleep?

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This is my chance to look at his phone...!?

Why can't I even ask such a simple thing?

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WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO...?

LET GO YOU PERVERT! IDIOT!!

STOP LYING! COUGH IT UP!!

I WASN'T TRYING TO DO ANYTHING...!!

No matter how you look at it, what Mao said is true

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I-I THOUGHT THAT IF I LOOKED AT YOUR MESSAGES,

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*Was that my fault, huh!? Was that me!?*

*HUH??*

I WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL WHO YOU LIKE...

THERE YOU GO.

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DON'T READ INTO THINGS TOO DEEP.

I WAS JUST WORRIED THAT YOU CAN'T INVITE THE PERSON YOU LIKE OVER, BECAUSE I'M HERE.

SURE...

SO LOOK ALL YOU WANT.

THERE'S NOTHING THERE,

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YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT WEIRD THINGS LIKE THAT.

But I still sometimes wonder

I'll probably just be a bother.

What if Daiki and Hina come home?

What if Hiro likes Radical?

No matter what happens

I'll still end up being a bother.

WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?

MORNING.

THIS IS HOW I ALWAYS LOOK.

HEY MOTOMIYA~ MORNING.

LET'S GO OUT SOME TIME. LIKE TO THE MOVIES OR SOMETHING.

Hmm...

I'LL GO IF IT'S A HISTORICAL MOVIE.

HISTO-RICAL!?

I DON'T REALLY KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT ROMANCE MOVIES. I WONDER WHAT'S IN THE CINEMAS AT THE MOMENT?

Sis was going on about one of them

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YOU DON'T SEEM TOO GREAT...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

Hmm..

I'LL CHECK AGAIN.

I THINK THERE WAS SOME KIND OF HISTORICAL ROMANCE MOVIE ON.

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SERIOUSLY? I JUST RANDOMLY SAID THAT CAUSE I WAS READING MY LITTLE SIS' SHOUJO MANGA AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...

UGH...

OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

LIKE... THE PERSON YOUR FRIEND LIKES TURNED OUT TO BE THE SAME PERSON YOU LIKE...

NO.

SO DID YOU GET REJECTED BECAUSE OF YOUR FRIEND?

EH...?

YOU NEVER REALISED?

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED, BUT WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TALK TO ME?

EH?

THAT'S CAUSE I LIKE YOU.

I KNOW YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

I'M NOT.

ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

HUH? THOSE ARE JUST FRIENDS.

BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS WITH LOTS OF OTHER GIRLS...

DON'T RUN AWAY!

HEY!

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LISTEN UP.

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IF YOU DON'T LIKE ME TALKING TO YOU THEN I'LL STOP

EVERYTHING.

YOU DONT HAVE TO DO THAT...

THE REASON I HAVE LOTS OF FEMALE FRIENDS IS BECAUSE I HAVE LOTS OF SISTERS.

ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY HAVE MANY GUY FRIENDS.

SORRY...

BUT I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF YOU

THAT WAY...

YOU'RE ALWAYS BY YOURSELF!

BUT I JUST CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE!

THEN I'LL MAKE YOU SEE ME THAT WAY.

I LIKE YOU.

Why?

so direct?

can he be

Why

I LIKE YOU.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE LIKED SOMEONE SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!

ARE YOU GUYS ALRIGHT?

AREN'T YOU TWO GOING FOR THE SAME GUY?

HEY.

EH?

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IT'S FINE IF YOU GUYS ARE ALRIGHT WITH IT,

BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A HAND IF YOU WANT.

I'M BACK.

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EH? WHAT'S THIS?

I JUST GOT HOME TOO.

WELCOME BACK.

N-NEW FAMILY MEMBER...

A DOG!?

OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER.

I HOPE SHE GETS ALONG WITH WAKABA AS WELL.

I'D ALWAYS WANTED A DOG THAT I COULD TAKE OUT ON WALKS.

BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE WE CAN FINALLY HAVE ONE.

I DECIDED NOT TO GET ONE THOUGH, CAUSE SOMETIMES I CAN'T MAKE IT BACK FROM WORK, SO I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER IT.

You worry about them when they're still just puppies, right?

W-WHAT!?

Here!

IT'S CUTE.

Yeah yeah. That's true

WHY DID YOU JUST GO AND DECIDE ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS YOURSELF!?

TAKING THEM FOR WALKS IS A PAIN!

She's soft

IT'S A RED SHIBA. SHE'S A GIRL. I PUT IN AN ORDER FOR HER A WHILE BACK AND SHE'S FINALLY ARRIVED!

That's... the name of the dog in my novel

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF "CROQUETTE" FOR HER NAME?

Uu...

He got it because I'm here?

So he wants me to stay here?

I'll definitely take it on walks!!

It's so cute!!

Cute!!

I've found

It looks like

I'm so glad...

WOULDN'T YOU NORMALLY THINK OF THE FOOD FIRST?

C-CROQUETTE IS FINE THE NAME REMINDS ME OF THE COMEDIAN* THOUGH.

*THERE REALLY IS A COMEDIAN CALLED CROQUETTE IN JAPAN APPARENTLY

ANYWAY, IT'S DECIDED.

the place where I belong.

NOW THAT SHE'S HERE, YOU WON'T BE LONELY EVEN WHEN YOU'RE AT HOME BY YOURSELF, RIGHT?

CAN YOU REALLY GUARD THE PLACE?

Hey Hiro,

EH? ARE WE KEEPING HER OUTSIDE?

NOPE, SHE'LL BE INSIDE.

SHE CAN ACT AS A GUARD DOG AS WELL.

want to

like all of you.

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learn to be direct

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I WANT A DOG TOO!

IT'S SOOOO CUTE!

YEAH! I'LL COME!

THEN WHY DON'T YOU ALL COME OVER TODAY?

YEAH?

So cute...

SO CUTE~ I WANNA GO SEE IT!

IT'S STILL A PUP, SO IT GOES AROUND CHEWING ON EVERYTHING IT REALLY IS TOUGH TO HANDLE SOMETIMES.

WHEN ARE YOU FREE THEN, HIRO?

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WELL THEN EVERYONE CAN COME TODAY EXCEPT HIRO.

SERIOUSLY?

AH, I'VE GOT WORK.

THEN HOW ABOUT SUNDAY?

I'M WORKING...

I'M NOT AVOIDING YOU?

*How did she come up with that??*

WHY ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?

HIRO...

I... I ONLY JUST FOUND OUT...

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE TROUBLED THAT I LIKE YOU, RIGHT?

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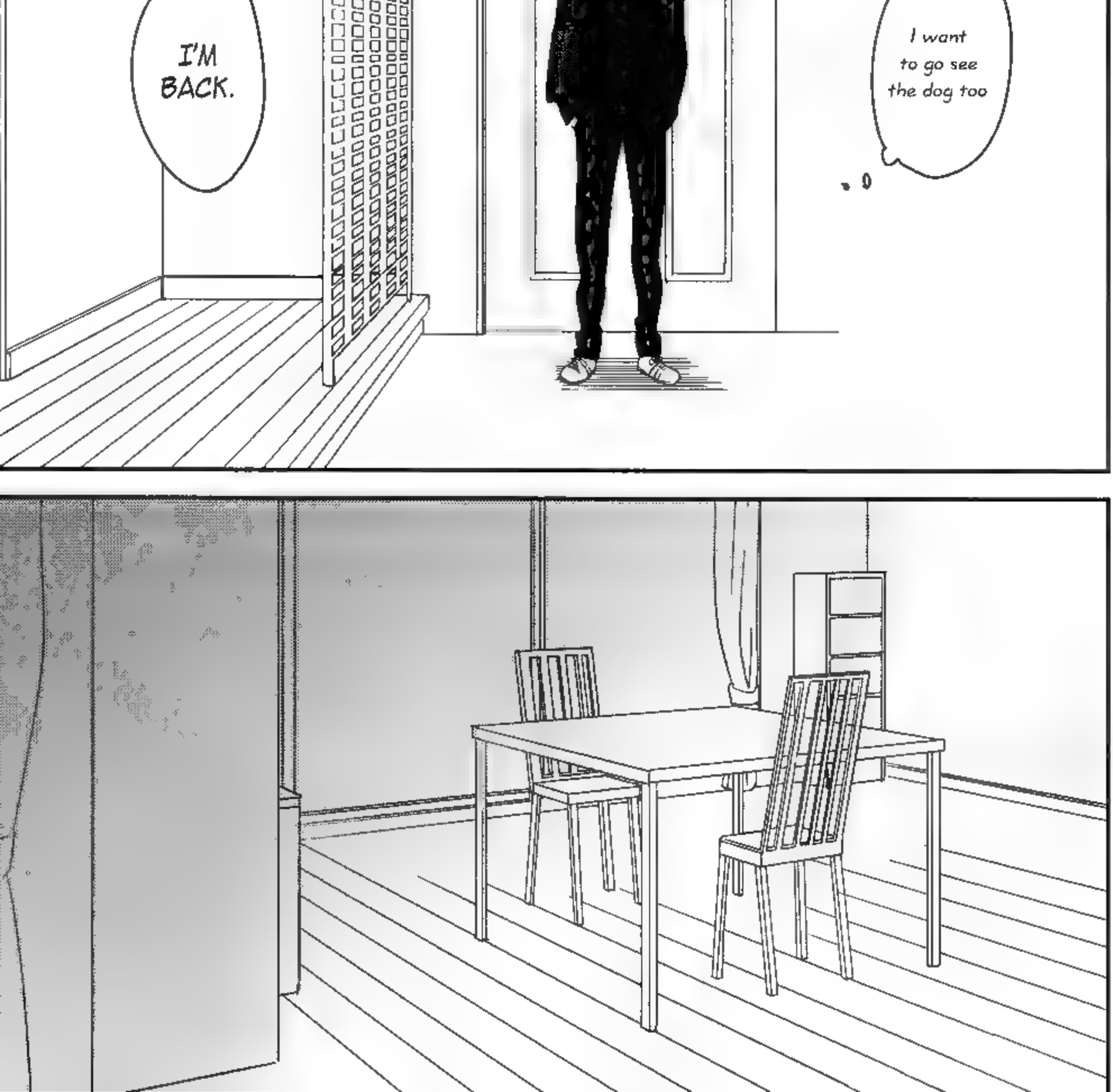
*Ouch...*

DON'T LIE!

It's not like I don't want to play around
I really do have work...


I'M BACK.
I want to go see the dog too



It's so empty...

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SO EXPENSIVE!

That's on special!? What the hell!?

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¥230000 IS NEARLY $3000

I would be able to look after it with things as they are now.

Even if I had the money, there's no way

NO, I'M FINE THANKS...

DO YOU WANT TO TRY CARRYING IT?

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They're not coming back after all.

EH? HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MAO?

WEIRD AURA

I was the one that decided to keep the house...

I can't be thinking of things like this now.

DON'T LIE. I CAN TELL FROM YOUR FACE.

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NOT REALLY.

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.

Creative arts, huh... Seems so long ago...

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I MADE IT IN CREATIVE ARTS!

A three-eyed dog!

LOOK AT THIS! ISN'T IT GREAT? IT'S A DOG!

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I DON'T WANT IT.

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BUT SEEING YOUR STUPID FACE KIND OF CHEERED ME UP.

I guess a dog's too much. Maybe I'll just get a turtle instead.

STUPID FACE!?

YOU SHOULD KEEP THINGS LIKE THIS YOURSELF.

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next issue Preview だし！

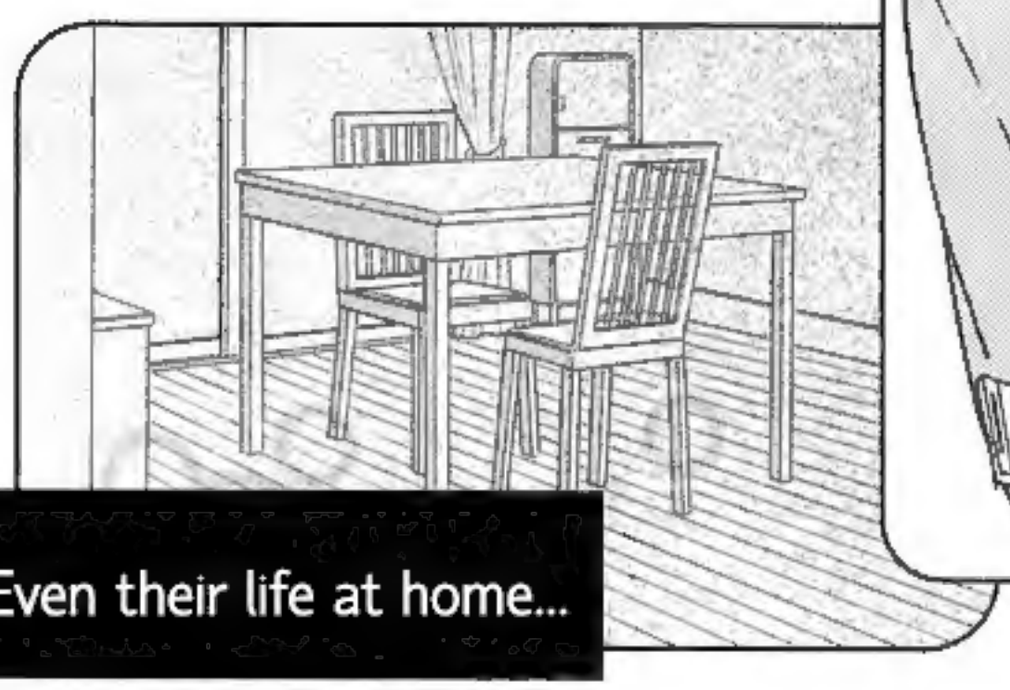
Two unexpected confessions...

Finding out that Radical likes Hiro, as well as Oda's confession...

From this confession, the premonition of the start of a big change...

Mao's situation at school starts to change and...

Radical begins to take action!?

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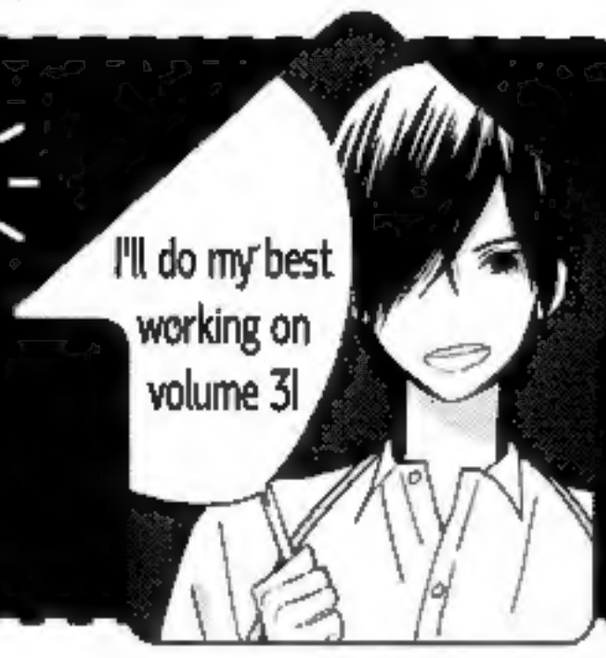
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